

July 12, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5718.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EXPANDING OUR FOOD AND FIBER SUPPLY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine expanding our food and fiber supply through a strong United States farm policy, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture; Roger Johnson, National Farmers Union, and Bob Stallman, American Farm Bureau Federation, both of Washington, D.C.; Christopher Pawelski, Pawelski Farms, Goshen, New York; Laudies Dow Brantley III, England, Arkansas; Johnny Cochran, Sylvester, Georgia; and Mark Watne, Jamestown, North Dakota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Elisabeth Ann Hagen, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Food Safety, and Catherine E. Woteki, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, both of the Department of Agriculture, and Sara Louise Faivre-Davis, of Texas, Lowell Lee Junkins, of Iowa, and Myles J. Watts, of Montana, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Farm Credit Administration.

ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine green housing for the 21st century, focusing on retrofitting the past and building an energy-efficient future, including S. 1379, to encourage energy efficiency and conservation and development of renewable energy sources for housing, commercial structures, and other buildings, and to create sustainable communities, after receiving testimony from Senator Whitehouse; Representative Perlmutter; Ron Sims, Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; David Caldwell, Jr., Caldwell and Johnson, Inc., North Kingstown, Rhode Island; Trisha Miller, Enterprise Community Partners, Columbia, Maryland; and Kenneth Gear, Leading Builders of America, Washington, D.C.

DEEPWATER HORIZON TRAGEDY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Deepwater Horizon tragedy, focusing on holding industry accountable, after receiving testimony from Thomas C. Galligan, Jr., Colby-Sawyer College, New London, New Hampshire; Fred McCallister, Allegiance Capital Corporation, Dallas, Texas; Shelley Anderson, Midfield, Texas; and Natalie Roshto, Liberty, Mississippi.

VALLES CALDERA NATIONAL PRESERVE MANAGEMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3452, to designate the Valles Caldera National Preserve as a unit of the National Park System, after receiving testimony from Senator Udall (NM); Daniel N. Wenk, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Harris Sherman, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, Department of Agriculture; Jemez Pueblo Governor Joshua Madalena, Jemez Pueblo, New Mexico; Pueblo of Santa Clara Governor Walter Dasheno, Espanola, New Mexico; Michael E. Wismer, Incorporated County of Los Alamos, Los Alamos, New Mexico; Stephen E. Henry, Valles Caldera Trust, Jemez Springs, New Mexico; and Jeremy Vesbach, New Mexico Wildlife Federation, Albuquerque.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 3516, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to reform the management of energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, with amendments.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3305, to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3515, to authorize and enhance the programs of the Department of the Interior relating to the detection of, response to, and mitigation and cleanup of oil spills on Federal land managed by the Department, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1311, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to expand and strengthen cooperative efforts to monitor, restore, and protect the resource productivity, water quality, and marine ecosystems of the Gulf of Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

An original bill entitled, “Columbia River Basin Restoration Act of 2010”;

S. 3073, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore the Great Lakes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3539, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to assist in the restoration of San Francisco Bay, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4715, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1816, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve and reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2739, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for the establishment of the Puget Sound Program Office, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3119, to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3481, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Federal responsibility for stormwater pollution;

S. 3354, to redesignate the North Mississippi National Wildlife Refuges Complex as the Sam D. Hamilton North Mississippi National Wildlife Refuges Complex;

H.R. 3562, to designate the federally occupied building located at 1220 Echelon Parkway in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner Federal Building”, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

A proposed resolution relating to the General Services Administration.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.J. Res. 29, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003; and

The nominations of Francisco J. Sanchez, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, and Richard Sorian, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

NUCLEAR TERRORISM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine nuclear terrorism, focusing on strengthening our do-

mestic defenses, after receiving testimony from Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Dana A. Shea, Specialist in Science and Technology Policy, Resources, Science, and Industry Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Micah D. Lowenthal, National Research Council of the National Academies, Washington, D.C.

INTERAGENCY CONTRACTS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine interagency contracts, after receiving testimony from John K. Needham, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Daniel I. Gordon, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget; Steven J. Kempf, Acting Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service, General Services Administration; Richard K. Gunderson, Acting Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and Diane Frasier, Director, Office of Acquisition and Logistics Management, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

DIABETES IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine diabetes in Indian country and beyond, after receiving testimony from Judith E. Fradkin, Director, Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Metabolic Diseases, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Gary Hall, Jr., Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International; Melvina McCabe, University of New Mexico School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine, Albuquerque; Caitlin Baker, CAITLINB, Norman, Oklahoma; Wes Studi, Santa Fe, New Mexico; and Isabel Burger, Silver Spring, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 3553, to exclude from consideration as income under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 amounts received by a family from the Department of Veterans Affairs for service-related disabilities of a member of the family; and

S. 3235, to amend the Act titled “An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of

long-term leases", approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior, with an amendment.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee continued hearings to examine the nomination of Elena Kagan, of Massachusetts, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

Hearings recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Thursday, July 1, 2010.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG WASTE AND DISPOSAL

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine drug waste and disposal, focusing on when prescriptions become poison, after receiving testimony from R. Gil Kerlikowske, Director, National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President; Joseph T. Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Mary L. Hendrickson, Genco Pharmaceutical Services, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Stevan Gressitt, University of Maine Center on Aging, Unity; Bruce Behringer, East Tennessee State University Office of Rural and Community Health, Johnson City; and Bernie A. Strain, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 5641–5657; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 292–294; and H. Res. 1489, 1491–1494, 1497 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1490, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4173) to provide for financial regulatory reform, to protect consumers and investors, to enhance Federal understanding of insurance issues, and to regulate the over-the-counter derivatives markets (H. Rept. 111–518);

H. Res. 1495, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5618) to continue Federal unemployment programs, and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 111–519);

H. Res. 1496, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 111–520); and

H.R. 5503, to revise laws regarding liability in certain civil actions arising from maritime incidents, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–521, Pt. 1).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Robert Henderson, First Baptist Church, Lincoln, Illinois.

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Providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 65, to provide for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the United States Senate Chamber for the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, late a Senator from the State of West Virginia.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, June 28th:

Recognizing the work and importance of special education teachers: H. Con. Res. 284, amended, to recognize the work and importance of special education teachers, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 402, and

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Paula Hawkins Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5395, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 North Maitland Avenue in Maitland, Florida, as the "Paula Hawkins Post Office Building", by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 409 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 403.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, June 29th: